

Education: Senator McCrory and Representative Sanchez, members of the Education Committee

My name is Vanessa Jenkins and I am a parent and a Board of Education Member for the Town of East Hartford.

I am here to give testimony supporting SB-948 and to emphasize the importance of equity in funding education.

I am no stranger to the fight for justice and equity in education. I was a student of the Project Concern premiere busing program and spoke in our Nation's Capital in support of that program. I also supported CJEF (CT Justice in Education Funding) initiatives.

Being in the mist of budget season for our town and Board of Education, It pains me that we still have to beg for funding that will help our students achieve and reach their goals.

This legislation impacts my life because it impacts my community and gives hope to many.

SB Bill 8948 is vital because it gives communities access to resources needed to assist in building that bridge that will close the achievement gap.

The mantra/motto of the district of East Hartford,CT is Every Child Every Day! I am hopeful if SB 8948 passes that this will impact positively on the future of our children and will show that it really is every child every day. Investing in our most precious resource will add value to the State of Connecticut.

Thank you for your time.